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MUBARAK'S RECORD ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN EGYPT

We call upon Mubarak of Egypt to:

- stop the torture of political prisoners, well-documented by Amnesty International and the U.S. State Department
- release the political detainees held without trial
- respect the decisions of the judiciary
- respect the human rights of all his countrymen
- put an end to rampant nepotism, corruption and economic mismanagement
- lift the emergency laws under which he governs
- abolish the special courts
- repeal the laws which give the government the right to veto the establishment of any newspaper or political party
- cease the pretence of democratic rule and hold free and fair elections, without the rigging which has come to characterise his regime

We especially condemn the recent killing of young Egyptians in El Kahak village and remind Mubarak of the fate of the dictatorships of eastern Europe, and that freedom and justice will prevail.

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